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FM VIENTIANE

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM AMBASSADOR GODLEY, VIENTIANE 680  
TO: WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. KISSINGER EYES ONLY IMMEDIATE  
REF: YOUR WH 30255State Dept. review  
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1. SOUVANNA IS DELIGHTED WITH THE PROSPECT OF YOUR VISIT AND REQUESTED THAT I INFORM YOU HOW GRATEFUL HE IS THAT YOU HAVE FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO STOP IN VIENTIANE. HE IMMEDIATELY INVITED YOU AND SUCH MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AS YOU DESIRE TO HAVE DINNER WITH HIM FRIDAY. I WAFFLED MY REPLY, POINTING OUT THAT YOU MIGHT NOT ARRIVE HERE UNTIL EIGHT OR NINE O'CLOCK AND HE MERELY SAID THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY AT YOUR DISPOSITION THAT EVENING.

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2. NEWS OF YOUR VISIT OBVIOUSLY PLEASED HIM GREATLY, ESPECIALLY AS HE HAD JUST HAD AN HOUR WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, WHO PRESENTED HIM WITH A DRAFT AGREEMENT. HE WOULD NOT GO INTO DETAILS ON WHAT THE PAPER WAS, BUT DESCRIBED IT AS "NOT BAD". SOUVANNA SAID HE HAD TOLD PHOUMI THAT CERTAIN PROPOSALS WERE UNACCEPTABLE AND HE SHOULD REDD THEM ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. AS I SAID, I DON'T KNOW THE SUBSTANCE BUT THE PRIME MINISTER CERTAINLY IS VISIBLY ENCOURAGED.

3. SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, I PLAN TO BE IN BANGKOK FRIDAY WITH AMBASSADORS UNGER, SWANK AND BUNKER. MAY I THEN RETURN TO VIENTIANE WITH YOU, OR IF THAT IS INCONVENIENT I COULD PROCEED HERE SEPARATELY. HOPE YOU AND BILL SULLIVAN WILL STAY AT THE RESIDENCE FRIDAY NIGHT. OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY CAN READILY BE HOUSED IN THE COMMUNITY.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

4. ALL THE BEST, AS EVER

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